Sudeley House
Sutton Bridge
Lincs
Mar 10th 1898

Dear Sir
as I am anxious to
become a member of
the B. M. Association, I
should feel obliged if
you would send me the
necessary papers to fill
in.

Faithfully Yours
A E B Coleman

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Sutton Bridge
Jan. 8. 98

The
Chairman and Gentlemen of the Sutton Bridge
Urban Sanitary Authority.

Sirs,

I beg to present to you my first Annual Report concerning the Sanitary condition of Sutton Bridge. I have visited in company with the Inspector of Nuisances many parts of the Town, & I am glad to state that there have been many improvements carried out, — chiefly that the ash-bins in King, Queen, & Princes Streets have been so constructed as to render their being more easily cleared out.

There have been many just causes of complaints made to me, & as far as was possible these have been attended to by your Inspector.
I would advise that some steps be Taken to regulate the keeping of animals & poultry in This District & especially in the above-named Streets.
Many complaints have been made to me about This, & I have, on several occasions, visited & found these places to be in a disgraceful condition - such condition being most conducive to ill-health.
Since we have not up to the present time a water-carriage system for excremental disposal I would strongly urge you to institute the Pail System for the above purpose. Some of the Privy Vaults that I have seen were in a most insanitary condition, & in one case I was told that the vault had not been cleared out for months.

I am glad to state that the Town on the whole has enjoyed good health, except for an epidemic of Influenza, which has lately visited us, & this happily was more or less of a mild character.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that there is still no public provision for Hospital Isolation & Disinfection.

There have been 9 cases of Diphtheria throughout the year, & I am sorry to state that 4 of these proved fatal - As these cases were in different parts of the Town I was unable to Trace them to any definite source of Infection. I cannot help thinking that the spread of this disease in one or two cases was due to carelessness on the part of neighbours.

Scarlet fever broke out in a house down the Marsh, four members of the family being laid up with it - Fortunately it was confined to this house alone, & as far as I could make out was imported.

Whereas Typhoid Fever has been prevalent in Leyton & other districts I am glad to state we have escaped that dread disease.

Deaths — The number of registered deaths during the year has been high - 46 - as against 41. of last year giving a death rate of 16·4 per 1000 as against 14·6 of 1896. The greatest number of deaths occurred amongst the Aged - 22 in all - 18 of which were over 70 years of age

Of the rest — 11 occurred under 1 year of age
4 — " — between 1 & 5 " — · —
2 — " — " — 5 & 15 " — · —
1 — " — " — 15 & 25 " — · —
6 — " — 25 & 65 " — · —

Births — The registered number of Births was 50.

27 boys & 23 girls giving a birthrate of 17.9 per 1000 as against 24.1 per 1000 of last year.

In conclusion I would endorse what was said to you by my predecessor Dr. Wellington as to the advisability of having an improved system of drainage together with an adequate water-supply.

I am,

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen

Yours faithfully

T. F. B. Coleman

M. O. H.